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WITH

The manner of their taking of *Glascough*, Rifling the Lord Archbishops House, Digging the Bishop of *Argyles* Children out of their Graves: and many other Barbarities.

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SIR,

I Am very sorry I have to sad a Subject to Treat of; and cannot but know, in part, the trouble it will lay you under when you Read it. The Crimes perpetrated here are so great and stout in their own nature, that they admit not of aggravations; and therefore I shall not spend time in Prefacing, but give you the

matter of *Fact*, and leave the comment to your self.

When these Rebels had taken *Glascough*, they publickly made Proclamation, That they fought against *Supremacy*, *Prelacy*, and *Popery*. At the end of which Proclamation, one called *Belfour* o *Kinloch* held up his hand and Cryed with a loud voice, *This is the hand that Killed Sharp*, (to wit, the Lord Arch-bishop of St. *Andrews*; and no wonder the Miscreant rob'd him of his Title, having before bereaved him of his Life) This done, away they went to my Lord Arch-bishop of *Glascough's* House, and having forcibly entred it, tore down all his Hangings, and then tore them all to pieces. They broke open all his Trunks, tore his Clothes, drained his Cellars, and in a word, made a miserable havock of all they found. Nothing escaped them save some Few of the best of his books, which were before they Coul get to his House secured by some of the honest Neighbours. And it may reasonably be presumed this Reverend Prelate had fell a Sacrifice to their Devilish fury had he been in their way.

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But as if all this were not enough to make them eternally odious and loathſome to all good and ſober men; they added another piece of Villany which is ſcarce to be paralleſ'd in any ſtory; which is this: They entred into, and rifled the Biſhop of *Argile's* Houſe, deſtroying all they could find there; and that done, went to the Grave where ſometime ſince two of the foreſaid Biſhop's Childreu were buried, took up the Coffins, broke them open, and run their Swords through them ſeveral times, and left the Bodies of the poor Infants above ground, as Monuments of their inhuman Villany and Cruelty.

And as if they could not be ſatisfied unleſs to the ſin of Rebellion, Murther *and* Rapine, *they likewiſe added that of Sacriledg; they went to the* High Cathedral Church, *and rifled that, took away the* Linnen *uſed at the Adminiſtration of the* Bleſſed Sacrament; *and had ſeized the* Communion Plate *too, had it not before their coming been conveyed away.*

Thus

Thus far went these Rebels, and loth to stop here, Crowned all their Villanies with one more, viz. They pulled down his Majesties Picture, which was in the great Hall of the Merchants Hospital, and then tore it to pieces, uttering those treasonable and horrid speeches against His Sacred Majesty that are not fit to be heard by any Christian man. One of them Preaching in Ruglin-Green, *a Village near* Glaſcough, *had this passage, viz. That the King had set up his Banner; but told them, they had a Commission from Christ to set up his Banner, and they might eastly judg which would prevail.*

The Magiſtrates of the foreſaid Town, the Maſters of the Colledg, & Miniſter of the place, all fled, ſome to *Dunberin* Caſtle, ſome to *Edenburgh*, and ſome to other places,

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HAving given you this brief Account of their Barbarities, I ſhall now give you in a few words the ſtate of Affairs here in relation to them.

There were ſome of them got together in *Fife*, who begun to Plunder, and ſteal Horſes and Arms, with a reſolution to reinforce the Rebels. But upon my Lord Chancellors coming over to *Fife* to ſuppreſs theſe diſorders, and to haſten out the Militia and Heretors of that Shire, they vaniſhed and fled towards *Sterling*; where my Lord *Elfingſtoun*, and the Earl of *Murray's* Depury-Steward for the Lordſhip of *Down*, happily met with them near the Paſs, killed and took almoſt the whole party, and brought in about a hundred Horſemen Priſoners to *Sterling*, where they are now ſecured. Among theſe Priſoners they ſay there are three (if not Four) of my Lord St. *Andrew's* Murtherers.

The Militia and the Heritors from the three *Lowdens*, *Tiveedale*, and the *Merſ*, with thoſe from *Fife*, are already come hither, who with the ſtanding-forces make a conſiderable body,

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with which they intend to march towards the Enemy *to morrow or next day; and the* Forces *from the* Shire *of* Perth *&* Sterling, *are to joyn them in their* March. The Train *of Artillery is ready, and all other* Necessaries *provided for them. And every thing else is done that may tend to the suppressing this* Rebellion. *All of them both* Horse *and* Foot *are brisk and resolute, being animated by a good Cause; and for a* Gracious Prince, *their* Laws, Lives, *and* Liberties.

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